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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed May 5, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application. The following documents are submitted:

- 1) Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2) Executed two-page Declaration.
- 3) Check in the amount of \$65 in payment of the fee for late-filing of a Declaration.
- 4) Preliminary Amendment
- 5) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required at any time during the prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/10/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/10/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/10/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/10/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/10/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/10/2006
- Small Entity Statement filed on 01/10/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/10/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/10/2006
- Specification filed on 01/10/2006
- Claims filed on 01/10/2006
- Abstracts filed on 01/10/2006
- Drawings filed on 01/10/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION,**

**WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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